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1. EMBASSY AND CONGEN TORONTO HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSED ADDRESS BY FSO HENRY SKOK AND ON BALANCE RECOMMEND AGAINST HIS ACCEPTING INVITATION.

2. TORONTO ITALIAN COMMUNITY IS RIVEN BY FACTIONALISM, THUS OPENING POSSIBILITY THAT SKOK'S APPEARANCE WOULD BE EXPLOITED IN WAYS DETRIMENTAL TO US INTERESTS. MOREOVER, CANADIAN SENSITIVITY TO ACTIVITIES OF AMERICANS NORTH OF THE BORDER WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE JARRED BY APPEARANCE OF USG OFFICIAL, NOT ACCREDITED TO CANADA, TALKING ON SENSITIVE FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE, I.E., "ITALIAN POST-ELECTION ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROSPECTS."

3. IN SHORT, UNLESS DEPARTMENT SEES SOME PARTICULAR MERIT IN HAVING TORONTO ITALIAN COMMUNITY BRIEFED IN THIS FASHION, WE BELIEVE PRUDENCE ARGUES AGAINST ACCEPTANCE.
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